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H. R. 6469

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 26 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

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AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize increased Federal funding for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stephanie Tubbs Jones
3 Organ Transplant Authorization Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) The National Organ Transplant Act of
7 1984 amended the Public Health Service Act to re-
8 quire the Secretary of Health and Human Services
9 to provide for, by contract with a private nonprofit
10 entity, the establishment and operation of an Organ
11 Procurement and Transplantation Network.

12 (2) The Organ Procurement and Transplan-
13 tation Network represents a unique public-private
14 organization that requires each party to contribute
15 a certain amount of funding to the network’s oper-
16 ation.

17 (3) The National Organ Transplant Act of
18 1984 provided a statutory annual authorization of
19 \$2,000,000 for such purpose with remaining costs to
20 be paid by the private sector contractor.

21 (4) In 1984, the annual total operating cost of
22 the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Net-
23 work was \$5,000,000, but in 2007 such annual cost
24 exceeded \$27,000,000.

25 (5) The original authorization amount for the
26 Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network

has never been increased since the enactment of the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984, resulting in a greatly increased cost burden on the private sector contractor.

(6) Much of the increased costs of operation of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network have resulted from additional duties and responsibilities assigned to the private sector contractor by Federal regulations and Secretarial directives.

SEC. 3. INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK.

Section 372(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274(a)) is amended by striking "\$2,000,000" and inserting "\$7,000,000".

Passed the House of Representatives September 25, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

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